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SUBJECT: AROUND THE WORLD AUTO RACE

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1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED AWAR ORGANIZERS OF SOVIET DECISION ON AWAR PROPOSAL. ORGANIZERS ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT MFA CAN BE PERSUADED TO RECONSIDER AND ARE THEREFORE WORKING ON ALTERNATE ROUTE TO BYPASS SOVIET UNION. GUIDO DE GORGY OF AMERICAN TRAVEL ABROAD (WHICH NOW MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AWAR IN PLACE OF SIMIRO) WILL NEVERTHELESS VISIT MOSCOW IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO SOUND OUT SOVIET POSITION WITH HIS CONTACTS. IF, AS EXPECTED, SOVIET POSITION IS INFLEXIBLE, AWAR WILL DROP IDEA OF CROSSING SOVIET UNION AND CONCENTRATE ON ALTERNATE ROUTE.

2. AWAR ORGANIZERS APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S HELP IN SUBMITTING PROPOSAL TO MFA. KISSINGER

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